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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: James P. Pearson *et al.*

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For: *AUTOINDUCER MOLECULE*

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Examiner: Trinh, b.

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 9, 2001.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$890.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:

July 9, 2001

Date

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Respectfully submitted,

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